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Expecting the unexpected

I came across an outdoor installation recently that proclaimed: “There will be no miracles here.” Artist Nathan Cole commented that “we can’t sit and wait for things to happen.” For him, hope lies in human action. I wonder where we place our hope?

The gospel writer Luke tells us about two of Jesus’s friends who walked away from Jerusalem to Emmaus, even though they had heard rumors of Jesus’s resurrection. Jesus joins them on their walk, but the Bible says that they were at first “kept from recognizing him” (Luke chapter 24, verse 16). I believe part of the reason was their closed mindset – they had hoped that Jesus would free Israel from Roman occupation. However, God had a far bigger agenda than they could ever imagine – the redemption of the world.

I confess that I can relate to the two friends. When God seems to have a different script to the one I would have written, I am often tempted to either give up and walk away or to take matters into my own hands.

At other times, I may not place my hope in God because I think I know how to get the job done. To be honest, I may not want a miracle because I feel comfortable with my way of doing things. A miracle would disrupt my routine and could potentially turn my whole life upside down, like it eventually did for the two people in the Emmaus story.

I wonder what we may potentially miss when we close our minds to God wanting to intervene in our lives? What if we were open to miracles here in Petersfield? After all, Jesus did not stay on the cross and Good Friday was followed by Easter Sunday.

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